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Swift makes first visit to South Texas

NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE, Texas – The Navy’s second contracted High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 SWIFT is scheduled to make her visit to Naval Station Ingleside on March 3.

SWIFT is currently serving operationally as an interim Mine Warfare Command and Support Ship (MCS) and supports transformational modular mission payload initiatives.

SWIFT will host media and officials on Friday, March 5, and Department of Defense personnel (DoD employees, dependents and contractors with base access) on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SWIFT was delivered to the Navy on August 15, 2003, and departed on her maiden deployment eleven days later. Building on lessons learned during the testing of HSV X1 JOINT VENTURE and her wartime deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, HSV 2 SWIFT brings new and transformational capabilities to the Navy-Marine Corps team.

The ship is currently manned by her Ingleside Crew.

Ship Specifications and Facts

Ship Type:	Aluminum-hulled, wave-piercing catamaran
Capabilities:	Unmanned vehicle launch and recovery Vehicle and equipment roll-on/roll-off Telescoping boom crane
Length:	98 meters
Beam:	27 meters
Draft:	3.4 meters
Deadweight:	Lightship
Payload Capacity:	Approximately 615 metric tons
Cargo Deck:	Approximately 2,670 square meters
Propulsion:	CATERPILLAR 3618 Marine Diesel Engines
Maximum Speed:	85+ kilometers per hour
Operating Speed:	55+ kilometers per hour

Range: 6,500 kilometers

Self-Defense Capability: MK 96 w 25mm/40mm Stabilized Gun
MK 45 Snake Eyes w MK 19 Grenade Machine Gun

Normal Crew Size: Approximately 42

Maximum Crew Size: Berthing for 107 with additional temporary berthing for 87 when seating is converted

Commanding Officer: Commander Mark Sakaguchi (Va. Crew)
Commander Clark Price (Texas Crew)

Crew Homeports: Naval Station Ingleside, Texas
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.

Contractor: Bollinger/Incat USA, LLC, Lockport, Louisiana

Contract Value: \$21.7 million (First year value) Current lease can go out to four years 11 months if all options exercised.

Delivery Date: August 2003